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Mexico

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1. Studies carried out by the United Nations have demonstrated that a wide-scale nuclear war would entail the risk of worldwide environmental breakdown. It is even possible that a major nuclear exchange would have other environmental effects. Mexico therefore reiterates its view that the environment should be preserved through strict observance of environmental norms in the preparation and implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements.

2. As a practical means of promoting the objectives of resolution 52/38 E, the Government of Mexico is committed to implementation of the agreements adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and to full compliance with the provisions of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction.

Viet Nam

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1. Last year, the General Assembly adopted resolution 52/38 E, entitled "Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control", by an overwhelming majority of the Member States.

2. Viet Nam welcomes and supports this important resolution, which reaffirmed the common commitment of States towards disarmament and environmental protection and emphasized the importance of observing environmental norms in the preparation and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control.

3. It is the consistent position of Viet Nam to support all efforts for peace and disarmament and for a world free from nuclear weapons. Viet Nam has joined nearly all important disarmament treaties and agreements, including such agreements as the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction.

4. Fully cognizant of the importance of the protection of the environment, Viet Nam has joined many international treaties and agreements related to the protection of the environment, the atmosphere, natural resources, etc., and continues to further improve its laws and legal regulations related to environmental protection and sustainable development.

5. Recognizing the necessity of observing environmental norms in the process of disarmament and arms control, Viet Nam calls upon the States Members of the United Nations to support and implement fully resolution 52/38 E and requests that this item be included in the agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.